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OUR STRONGEST DEFENSE.

Our navy may be perilously small compared with those of rival powers; our army may be hopelessly inefficient; our coast defenses may be inadequate; but in one phase of preparedness, at least, we are all right—we have first class facilities for manufacturing war munitions.

It was a surprising statement that Charles M. Schwab made the other day. He declared that in the Bethlehem Steel plant as it stands now this country has the greatest ordnance factory in the world, with a capacity of 50 per cent larger than that of the famous Krupp plant in Germany.

That plant is but one of many that could be made available for the sole use of the United States government in case of need. And the patriotic attitude taken by Mr. Schwab in regard to his own factory may be taken perhaps as typical of the industry in general.

He reminded his hearers that the Bethlehem company had been supplying the government with guns, shells, etc., in the last two years, at the same prices that prevailed before the war, in spite of the increased cost of materials, and that it desires to continue holding itself at the government's disposal. It will make armor plate or munitions of any sort, he says, at prices to be fixed by the federal authorities. It is willing at any time to turn over its plant to the government "at fair operating cost, plus a small margin of profit." It is now undertaking to build a \$4,500,000 plant for building 10-inch guns, without any insurance from the navy department that Uncle Sam will buy the guns. The company doesn't expect, he says, to make any profit from that plant under any circumstances, but is building it as a patriotic contribution to the national defense.

Circumstances have solved for us, without public trouble or expense, a problem which all the belligerent nations have found vexatious and costly. In case of war we shall need, above all, vast stores of munitions, and we have our munitions industry already organized by private enterprise and ready to serve the nation. The government should not neglect to take full advantage of it.

TEACHING DIPLOMACY.

It has always been a sort of accepted principle in this country that any American is fit to fill any diplomatic or consular post. He might not discharge his duties in the same way the trained European diplomat would, but that was regarded as a virtue rather than a defect. The trained diplomat was always suspected. The diplomat in shirt sleeves was our ideal. He might have no knowledge whatever of international law. He might not know the language of the country he was sent to, or even its history. It made no difference. He was expected to go on the job and get away with it by native ability.

We've got pretty well over that now. The consular service has been for several years under civil service rules which give precedence to the man of experience and qualification, and as a result, has been steadily improving in personnel and effectiveness. Our diplomatic service has improved less notably. But the present war has created a demand for trained men for the vital and delicate business of handling international affairs—men knowing language, law, history and the accepted methods of international intercourse.

The colleges have begun to recognize this demand. New York University has inaugurated a course of study devised especially to fit men for consular and diplomatic careers. Other institutions of learning are sure to follow its example.

We shall hear less hereafter of shirt sleeve diplomacy, and accordingly less of the criticism that has so often been visited on American ministers, ambassadors and attaches for their ignorance and inexperience. We may even see our whole diplomatic service placed, before many years, on a basis of experience and merit, as our consular service has been.

HUNT ENGULFED.

Although the affairs of the state are at a standstill and regret is general that Arizona should start off the new year so inauspiciously, satisfaction is also general that the guilty obstructor, Hunt, is sinking more deeply each day in the quicksands of his own creation. The Democratic party is actually gleeful over the accomplishment of the ex-Governor's political suicide. He has lost the respect of every element in the State except the destructive agitators.

Whatever merits his case possessed are now overshadowed by his puerile conduct. Discussions heard on the streets of Bisbee yesterday may be assumed to serve as accurate repetitions of sentiment expressed throughout the State. The inspection of gubernatorial ballots was a subject without interest. The absorbing theme was Hunt's impudence and his failure to display the essen-

tial characteristics of real manhood. Reckoned by Arizona standards, he was proclaimed an outcast.

The disfavor in which Hunt now finds himself affords an impressive contrast to the favor in which the defeated Governor in our neighboring state, Utah, is held by that commonwealth because of his manly attitude in the face of political adversity. Goodwin's Weekly comments on the attitude of a real man as follows:

"The ovation given Governor Spry was something that ought to keep the Governor's heart warm as long as that heart continues to throb. It was most appropriate, too, and should be most useful. It was an expression of affection and admiration for a retiring official which must have been most gratifying to the retiring official; it was a notice to other officeholders that the people are watching and ready to honor those who faithfully serve them. Moreover, it is not political. It came from all classes and creeds and straight from the hearts of the people. Politically, Utah is much perturbed just now. Hence this spontaneous ovation to Governor Spry was the more significant for it came straight from the hearts of the people and was a mute protest against the political wrongs of last summer. We congratulate Governor Spry. The ovation was one seldom tendered to a retiring officer, and was a Christmas wreath that will not fade during all his life though he may live to the age of Methuselah. It should make the sunlight sweeter to him and the world around him fairer. It was an expression of sentiment for the man and his work most beautiful to see and to be remembered so long as life lasts."

It is Hunt's own fault that he will go to his political grave unmourned and unpitied. His contribution to Arizona's political history will be remembered solely because of its sordidness. Pride of State has been grossly offended by the antics of this unworthy member. His infamous conduct cannot be eradicated.—Bisbee Review.

A NATIONAL GUARD DRAFT.

It appears that there's a way, after all, to recruit the National Guard to its full strength. The war department, under authority conferred by the national defense act issued a circular informing the public that when National Guard regiments have been called for duty, reserve battalions to fill vacancies at the front must be organized, and if there are not enough voluntary enlistments the men needed may be drafted from the "unorganized militia." That militia includes all able-bodied males between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

Applied to the present situation, this plainly means that while our "state of war" with Mexico continues, the government can draft citizens into the National Guard organization up to the legal limit, and those men can be sent to the front and others drafted and trained to take their places as fast they are needed.

There's really nothing essentially new about it. The government has always had power to draft men for army service. But it will strike most citizens with surprise that they are today legally liable to join the National Guard under compulsion.

Women, after all, may be the direct cause of the high cost of existing. If they didn't wear such short skirts the farmer lads might not be so keen to leave the good old farm and rush into the crowded cities.

ATHLETES MAKE THE FINEST SOLDIERS

BASEBALL PITCHER IS WORTH HIS WEIGHT IN GOLD IN TRENCHES AS BOMB THROWER.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Paul Verdier, polo player and one of the best known athletes of the game in San Francisco, who is an officer in the French army, at present at home on leave for a brief period, has the following to say regarding the value of sport as an aid to the men in the trenches:

"Baseball is a sport that fits a man for the grim work amidst the mud and blood of the European trenches. A great pitcher would be worth his weight in radium to the armies of the western front.

In reply to the question, "Is sport an effective preparation for war?" he said:

"The training of an athlete proved valuable in the early chapters of the war, when we were marching to and fro on an average of 25 miles a day, and, on occasion, had to tramp all night with 75 pounds of equipment on our backs.

"I believe the French and British armies survived this drastic ordeal that culminated in the battle of the Marne, as well as they did, because of the high percentage of athletes in the ranks.

"During the last 20 years the youth of France have embraced sports with an enthusiasm that is perhaps scarcely realized in other countries, certainly not in America. There are hundreds of football teams in Paris alone, and track athletes, swimming, rowing, tennis, baseball and cricket are pursued with Gallic intensity and intelligence.

"Bomb throwing is now the only athletic activity that remains in the trenches. Here the baseball pitcher, of course, is supreme. French soldiers can pitch the grenades 40 yards with accuracy. A man trained in the box on the diamond will excel this distance by 20 yards and hit his human target every time.

"The French excel the Germans at grenade-throwing. It seems to suit the instincts of the race. No French war tactics are not an effective preparation for sport. I played my first game of polo recently since my return from the front, and am still sore

and stiff and every movement is painful. The confined existence, half underground, has rendered my muscles softer than they ever were in time of peace.

"The French troops have promoted bomb throwing to the ranks of major sports. Competitions between platoons, regiment and brigades take place, and there are many army champions and valuable prizes.

"Polo imparts a union of wrist and eye, and resourcefulness of mind, and, of course, these are useful in any form of fighting. But the cavalry charge of the poloist's dream is almost entirely a thing of the past."

Money Available For Building Roads

ALBUQUERQUE, Jan. 9.—District Forester Redington has received word from Washington that the secretary of agriculture has approved the allotment of money available under the Federal aid road act for the fiscal year 1918 to those States which are entitled to share in that part of the fund which comes under section 8 relating to roads within or near national forests. The appropriations for the States of Arizona and New Mexico, which are within the Southwestern national forest district, are \$58,004 and \$42,495 respectively. District Forester Redington states that with the 1917 appropriation, this makes a total of over \$202,000 now available for these two States. This money will be used in connection with road projects for which applications have been made from the various counties within the two States after their selection has been approved by the secretary of agriculture. It is hoped that work on the selected projects will begin early in the Spring.

FLOODS IN KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 6.—Thousands of dollars damage has already resulted from floods in several Kentucky streams and in parts of Southern Kentucky railroad traffic has been practically suspended. The highest stage for several years has been reached along the headwaters of both the Cumberland and Kentucky rivers, which are still rising. Many other streams also are rising rapidly. Much damage has been done as the result of the flooding of fields planted to winter crops.

TWO-CENT FARE VALID

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Judges Evans, Carpenter and Landis of the United States District court today denied the petition of 28 railroads operating in Illinois to restrain the State public utilities commission from enforcing the Illinois two-cent fare law. The railroads contended that the ruling of the interstate commerce commission permitting a passenger rate of 24 cents a mile in Illinois should set aside the State law.

WAKING UP TO IMPORTANCE OF CHAMBER

7 HAVE JOINED SINCE FIRST OF YEAR; MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN WILL BE A SUCCESS.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
That the membership campaign which is to be launched by Chairman H. T. Southworth will prove a great success, is evidenced by the fact that since the beginning of the new year, without any particular effort having been made, seven new memberships have been received in the Yavapai County Chamber of Commerce.

One of the most difficult questions with which a committee man is usually confronted is: "What do I get out of it?" That question is the age-old query of the selfish individual. While to a certain extent, it is going out of fashion, in this day of co-operation and service and inter-dependence and general consciousness of civic duty, it is still with us in some form while human nature lasts. Every man owes to himself the selection of a location in which he can make a success of life. If business conditions are not what they should be in his community, he owes to himself, his business and his family such efforts as he can put forth to provide remedies. The chamber of commerce is the medium through which the citizens of the community exercise their civic spirit. When the chamber of commerce works for the industrial, commercial and civic development of the community, it is working for all. Those taking out memberships yesterday were the Prescott Lumber Company, through O. G. Griffin, manager, and Ben Rybon. Mr. Griffin, until recently of Los Angeles, stated that business conditions are exceedingly good and it is his wish to join the ranks of those who are working for the general prosperity of Yavapai county.

The following appointments of committee chairman, which have been made by President F. L. Haworth, practically complete the roster of committees, under whose guidance the active work of the chamber of commerce will be carried on for the year 1917: Mining—J. E. Russell, chairman; A. C. Gilmore, LeRoy Anderson, G. M. Colvocoresses, George Thayer and Colonel Fred Bowler. Membership—Dr. T. H. Southworth, chairman; J. S. Acker, Wm. A. Davidson, A. H. Powers, George Nilsson and "Doc" Pardee. Chautauqua—F. C. Whisman, chairman; M. B. Hazeltine, LeRoy Anderson and H. H. Linney. Health and Sanitation—Dr. J. B. McNally. Reception and Entertainment—R. N. Fredericks, chairman; Mayor W. H. Timmerhoff, Wm. Stephens, W. A. Drake, J. A. Hope and F. S. Viole.

FAMOUS BONANZA GOLD MINE IS REVIVED

NEW COMPANY TAKES OVER AND BEGINS OPERATING THE OLD HOWARD GROUP.

Operations were commenced yesterday by the Gold Warrior Mining Co. The property is better known as the old Howard, which many years ago produced heavily in gold, at which time the discovery created excitement for the high grade values given.

It is the intention to continue the old tunnel for a length of 1,000 feet, and assays given recently are encouraging.

According to data obtainable when Howard Harlan made this discovery in 1894, from a shallow shaft there was produced in free gold over \$24,000. The purpose of the new operators, however, is not to revive the property for the possibility of striking the high grade ores, but to explore on a broad basis to obtain tonnage of a lower grade product. The property is situated on the State highway, 11 miles south of Prescott, and adjacent to the Senator, Big Pine, Dunkirk and other mines now active.

ELECTORS AT PHOENIX

PHOENIX, Jan. 6.—Pickett, Wood and Cobb, Arizona's presidential electors are in Phoenix tonight, and on Monday will meet in the Supreme court room to formally cast the State's vote for Wilson. Pickett will probably be the man to carry the official vote to Washington.

ONE ROBBER CAPTURED

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—After a 12-hour search through the hills for three men who held up an express messenger and robbed him of \$10,000, the payroll of the Flaccus Glass Co., a detective arrested a man near Breckenridge, said to have been identified as one of the robbers.

If the earth's surface were flat—that is without mountains and hills—it would be covered with water to a depth of 8,532 feet.

NERVY ROBBERS MAKE LARGE CLEANUP

LOOT CAR IN MOTION ON SANTA FE AND SCATTER GOODS ALONG LINE IN DISCRIMINATELY.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Deputy Sheriff Fred E. Campbell brought to the county jail in Prescott on Saturday night three men who are accused of one of the boldest box car robberies ever committed in this county. They boarded a moving freight train and got away with goods to the value of over \$1,000.

The robbery occurred on a west-bound freight out of Seligman, and one feature of the crime was the care with which the thieves made selections of articles which would meet with a ready sale. Their manner of operating was to throw on the ground from the moving car all articles desired, consisting principally of boots and shoes, carpets of a fine plush grade, and wearing apparel. After they had secured the goods they evidently retraced their steps and started to cache all articles. At one point about a mile distant from the track was found in the brush 82 pairs of good shoes for men, valued at over \$4 per pair. A bolt of imported plush carpet had been rolled for over a quarter of a mile. It measured over 100 yards in length and had a value of at least \$3.50 per yard. The country was not closely searched, and it is presumed that when full recovery is made, after an inventory is obtained from the Los Angeles houses which had the goods consigned to them, the robbery will reach to huge proportions.

At a dozen points, ranging from 100 yards away to as far as a mile from the track were found many articles. Deputy Campbell states that since early in December up to the present time the criminal wave passing over the Santa Fe in his division is the heaviest ever known in 20 years.

He also brought to the county jail another person who is accused of robbing a Santa Fe passenger of his ticket. An auto fire thief, made up a peculiar quintet of thieves, which was placed in jail here.

Plans Under Way Engineers' Meeting

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Preparations at the headquarters of the American Institute of Mining Engineers for the 114th meeting of the institute to be held in New York from February 19th to 22nd inclusive. It is expected that this meeting will bring out discussions of an important character regarding the development of mining methods in recent times and some of the immediate problems. About 500 mining engineers from many different parts of the world will be in attendance.

Since the Western meeting of the institute in September, its membership has increased by more than 200 members. In the past three years the enrollment has jumped from 4,284 to 5,922. This increase is regarded as an important commentary on the development of mining in this country. The membership of the institute, being limited only to those engaged in mining, and metallurgical engineering, geology, or chemistry.

The officers of the American Institute of Mining Engineers are: L. D. Ricketts, president; Sidney J. Jennings, first vice-president; George C. Stone, treasurer, and Bradley Stoughton, secretary.

NINE-POUND GIRL

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Mr. Stork, that famous bird, visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Puckett, on South Marina street, last evening and left a nine-pound girl, who will hereafter take up her permanent residence in the Puckett abode. Mrs. Puckett is doing well, the baby is a lusty infant, and the father is bearing up as well as could be expected under the circumstances. As Mr. Puckett is the foreman of the Journal-Miner job department, both the front and back office have high hopes of smoking pure Havanas today, instead of pipes or "makin's."

STILL GOING UP

INDEPENDENCE, Kas., Jan. 6.—Crude oil with an advance of 10 cents posted here today by the Prairie Oil and Gas Company went 5 cents above what operators said was the previous highest price ever paid in this field. Today's advance sent oil up to \$1.60 a barrel.

JACKLING'S NEW YACHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Daniel C. Jackling, the copper magnate, announced he had ordered a new steam yacht, which will cost more than \$1,000,000, excluding interior furnishings and decorations. It supersedes the yacht Cyprus, the most palatial on the coast.

WILLING TO PAY

TACOMA, Jan. 6.—Pierce county citizens today authorized a \$2,000,000 bond issue to purchase 70,000 acres of land for a division army post. The site had already been approved by the war department. The legislature convening on Monday must pass an enabling act.

WOMEN CONVICTS RIOT

SAN QUENTIN, CAL., Jan. 6.—A small riot among women convicts today resulted in placing five negroes in solitary confinement awaiting an official investigation. Miss Jessie Whalen, the matron, attempted to quell the quarrel and received a black eye, superficial cuts and bruises.

UNION STRIKES BIG BODY OF HIGH GRADE

SUPERINTENDENT CHAPARRAL GOLD MINE IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER NEW DEVELOPMENT.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
Interest in the Union mining deal which is about to be closed by D. M. Lacey and Eastern associates has increased by the striking of a higher grade of gold ore, and in larger bodies than had been known for many years, was the information given yesterday by E. J. Bassett, who is superintendent of the property, representing the new operators.

He stated yesterday that the zone which makes a wonderful showing is on the 250-foot level which was opened by a crosscut driven from the winze, exposing a high grade sulphide ore of eight feet in width. "This strike to me means nothing, but it is absolute as to the wonderful showing. Since the property has been under option exploration has been going on earnestly, and three well proven mineral conditions have been fully determined. The last point opened, however, is by far the most important. I cannot afford to be publicly quoted in any attempt to exaggerate, hence will say this new ore content of the Union in my belief conclusively settles the making of a very desirable property."

The Union since being taken over by Mr. Lacey has been subject to a line of large and thorough exploration, preceding the formal transfer, on the recommendation of different engineers. The arrival in a few days of Mr. Lacey from St. Louis is expected to be the final wedge in driving this big gold mine deal to a successful close.

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